



## Media Mentions

September 12 thru October 5, 2023

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### National

#### [Vision 2023 Summit returns to Las Vegas Sept. 25-28](#)

09.11.2023 | (Police1)

Vision 2023: the FirstNet Users Summit is coming back to Las Vegas to convene progressive public safety leaders with the latest in innovative technologies. The event, hosted at the South Point Hotel and Casino on September 25-28, aims to ensure organizations and emergency responders have the tools, technology and knowledge to keep themselves and their communities safe.

#### [O'Toole & Johnson: Mental health help for first responders must come from the top](#)

09.13.2023 | (Boston Herald)

Compared with the general population, first responders experience higher rates of depression, post-traumatic stress, burnout, anxiety, and addiction. These often lead to secondary health risks, such as cardiovascular disease. A recent white paper published by the FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition outlines five key recommendations for addressing public safety's mental health crisis.

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### Regional

#### [AT&T expands 5G network in Chattanooga](#)

09.13.2023 | (The Lawton Constitution)

AT&T has expanded its 5G network in Chattanooga, giving residents, businesses and visitors a big boost in their wireless connectivity. The new site also will bring Band 14 spectrum to the area. Band 14 is nationwide, high-quality spectrum set aside by the government specifically for FirstNet

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### National

#### [AT&T Delivers New Suite of MegaRange Solutions to Strengthen Public Safety Connectivity at the Network Edge](#)

09.13.2023 | (Firefighter Nation)

In an emergency, it's essential first responders and the extended public safety community that supports their missions have strong, reliable connectivity for their critical communications. FirstNet MegaRange provides better signal in more places—six times more powerful than standard devices (think FirstNet Ready® devices or smartphones used by the general public to talk, text or stream videos).

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## Regional

### [FBI training after dark on Pikes Peak](#)

09.14.2023 | (FOX21News - KXRM-TV)

Usually, adventure enthusiasts, locals, and tourists take to America's Mountain to admire the sights and sounds from Colorado's iconic Pikes Peak. The trip up Pikes Peak Highway was for a different reason, for FBI Denver and 11 other agencies as they took part in an after-dark training up to the summit. FBI Denver thanked the following agencies for taking part in the training: US Forest Service Law Enforcement, Pikes Peak Highway Rangers, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, and FirstNet.

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## National

### [Exploring the tech behind FirstNet, Apple "Wonderlust" event recap, iPhone 15 series first impressions, and more with Shannon Browning and Rebecca Isaacs – Mobile Tech Podcast 340](#)

09.17.2023 | (World Podcasts)

This is episode 340 of the Mobile Tech Podcast with guests Shannon Browning (FirstNet) and Rebecca Isaacs (Forbes) — brought to you by AT&T. This episode comes in two parts. First, we explore some of the cool tech behind FirstNet, built with AT&T. Second (18:40), we recap Apple's "Wonderlust" event and share our first impressions on the iPhone 15 series and updated Apple watches.

### [Let's Change the Culture That Ignores First Responders' Mental Health](#)

09.16.2023 | (The Messenger)

Every day, America's first responders walk into someone else's worst day. These traumatic experiences accumulate over the life of a public safety career. While the severity of this crisis expands, public-private collaborations like the FirstNet Health and Wellness Coalition (FNHWC) are seeking to make an impact.

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## Regional

### [NBC News Daily](#)

09.15.2023 | (NBC Boston)

MA officials preparing for Hurricane Lee noted, "we have heard from red cross, who has pre-staged teams of staff and volunteers to support up to more than 8,000 people with sheltering and support, should it be needed. Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has worked with commercial communications carriers to ensure preparedness activities are under way. FirstNet is deploying assets towards the cape to be prepared for impact there."

## National

### [FirstNet MegaRange Arrives on the Scene](#)

09.19.2023 | (Inside Towers)

Touting its improved capabilities, AT&T (NYSE:T) has announced an upgrade in its power class signaling with its MegaRange technology. As Firehouse.com reports, there are three different versions of the revised public safety equipment, all specifically designed to facilitate AT&T's FirstNet emergency response system.

### [T-Mobile's 5G is still unmatched — but have speeds plateaued? – Digital Trends](#)

09.18.2023 | (Inferse)

Each time a new analysis of mobile network performance gets published, it's almost a given that we'll see T-Mobile leading the pack in delivering the fastest 5G speeds. AT&T dropped off the list of contenders entirely this time, losing its lead in Montana and Vermont to what is effectively a tie; along with West Virginia, where regional carrier FirstNet had previously led.

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## National

### [AT&T, Nextivity announce new generation of FirstNet HPUE offerings that include Wi-Fi connectivity - Urgent Comms](#)

09.20.2023 | (Urgent Comms)

AT&T recently announced the second generation of FirstNet MegaRange offerings. Under FCC rules, Power Class 1 HPUE is only allowed to operate in the U.S. on the 700 MHz Band 14 spectrum licensed to the FirstNet Authority. In 2017, the FirstNet Authority awarded a 25-year contract to AT&T to build out its nationwide public-safety broadband network (NPSBN) on the Band 14 spectrum.

### [Case study: Crisis negotiation platform puts more power in police's hands](#)

09.19.2023 | (Police1)

Barricaded subjects can be frustrating for police for several reasons. The solution is the Respond platform from LETS Corp; an innovative software that provides police teams greater control over the negotiation process. The platform's throw phone is built to military specifications for durability and comes with AT&T FirstNet connectivity for times of congestion and areas of poor coverage.

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## National

### [Cherokee Nation and AT&T Expand 5G and FirstNet Connectivity – AT&T Newsroom](#)

09.20.2023 | (Inferse)

A new cell tower launched in Kenwood, Oklahoma. Prior to this launch the Cherokee community had to drive more than 10 miles to get mobile cell service and now the 1,000-member population has fast, reliable and secure connectivity with AT&T 5G. And area first responders have access to truly dedicated coverage and capacity when they need it on FirstNet® — America's public safety network.

### [Reigning with Accolades: 5 Women Executives to Follow in 2023](#)

09.20.2023 | (ExecutiveGov)

Here, we highlight some of the most influential female leaders who excel in their fields and make history by breaking barriers previously uncharted by women. One such woman is Jill Singer who has been the Vice President of National Security at AT&T Public Sector & FirstNet since February 2015. With 30+ years of experience, she leads AT&T's business activities for the Department of Defense and the U.S. Intelligence Community.

## Regional

### [Where is wireless service now available in Paint Township?](#)

09.25.2023 | (The Daily American)

Another Somerset County community is connected to the national 5G wireless network, now that a new site is operational near Windber. The site provides county emergency management personnel with priority access to high-speed network communications in the area during an emergency, through AT&T's FirstNet platform

### [KNEB 960 AM at September 24th 2023 6:30 AM](#)

09.24.2023 | (KNEB 960 AM)

In August, AT&T and FirstNet introduced the Safety Shield, a wearable panic button the size of an ID card that instantly alerts 9-1-1 and sounds a campus wide silent alarm when pressed.

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## National

### [Sean McDevitt appointed to FirstNet Authority board](#)

09.27.2023 | (Urgent Communications)

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the appointment of commercial communications veteran Sean McDevitt as the latest board member for the FirstNet Authority, which oversees the development of the FirstNet nationwide public-safety broadband network. In addition to this leadership change on the FirstNet Authority board, the FirstNet Authority gained a new leader in March with the appointment of Joe Wassel as the organization's CEO.

### [FirstNet Authority Board approves \\$451M budget for FY24 - Homeland Preparedness News](#)

09.26.2023 | (Homeland Preparedness News)

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) last week approved its Fiscal Year 2024 budget, allocating \$451 million to fund operations and consider network improvements. Last week's approvals allocated \$95 million for the operating budget of FY24, along with \$95 million for reserves. The remaining \$261 million of the budget will go toward investments in network coverage and emerging technologies.

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## Regional

### [Vision 2023 Summit provides first responders with innovative technology solutions](#)

09.26.2023 | (KTNV-TV)

The Vision 2023 Summit is underway and provides a platform for professionals to explore cutting-edge technology and tools while participating in informative workshops. John Paul, the Deputy Executive Director of the Public Safety Broadband Technology Association, highlights a satellite system—the C-R-D device. This device is connected to a dedicated public safety broadband network known as FirstNet.

### [No Cell Tower For Chino Hills Votes Planning Commission](#)

09.26.2023 | (Inside Towers)

A water tower disguise was not enough to convince residents to welcome a cell tower to Chino Hills, CA. When put to a vote, the Chino Hills Planning Commission cast a 3-0 decision against AT&T's cell tower plan. Representing AT&T, spokesperson Alicia Strasheim championed the AT&T FirstNet emergency response capabilities that are supported by AT&T, noting that the proposed 30-foot tower would close a coverage gap.

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## National

### [How ID is Building Resilience Against the Changing Climate for First Responders](#)

09.29.2023 | (Journal of Emergency Medical Services)

AT&T collaborated with the state's OEMS on utilizing data-driven insights from the ClimRR Portal to inform the state's disaster planning. ClimRR is a free, publicly accessible portal that provides localized, peer-reviewed climate data to policymakers, city planners and emergency managers, and state, local, tribal, and community leaders. It enables stakeholders to understand future climate threats to inform infrastructure design, hazard planning and much more.

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## Regional

### [Good Morning Las Vegas @ 5AM](#)

10.2.2023 | (KTNV-LV (ABC))

Local emergency responders came together to talk about safety at the Vision public safety summit. The goal was to learn about the latest information and technology to safeguard the public. The FirstNet network satellite system was established in response to the network challenges experienced by first responders during the 911 terror attacks.

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## National

### [Secretary Raimondo Appoints Sean McDevitt to FirstNet Authority Board](#)

10.3.2023 | (Inside Towers)

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo announced the appointment of Sean McDevitt, a partner with international management consulting firm Arthur D. Little (ADL) to serve on the Board of the First Responder Network Authority. McDevitt has been a member of ADL's telecommunications, internet, technology and private equity practice areas since 2017. He brings 30 years of private sector experience.

### [Understanding Broadband Mission Requirements](#)

10.3.2023 | (bluetoad.com)

Emergencies happening off the ground, be they in the air or the water, are unique for public safety operations. When critical moments arise, airborne and marine units must be able to communicate as they would on land. To address the challenge, the First Responder Network Authority Board government agency established a working group to study and understand airborne and marine public safety's mission requirements for wireless broadband communications.

## National

### [The future is now: Improving firefighter safety through connectivity](#)

10.4.2023 | (FireRescue1)

A successful fire rescue depends on those involved being able to remain calm and verbally communicate effectively over land mobile radio. LUNAR Connected Device is a solution that helps keep the entire team connected and can locate a downed team member, and automatically notify all team members, that there is an alarm. LUNAR has a direct cloud connection that provides device data to IC on MSA's tablet-based local monitoring application, FireGrid Monitor, and is available for use on FirstNet, ensuring priority on AT&T's cellular network.

### [Active Shooter Podcast: What LE Learned from Texas Tower Shooting](#)

10.3.2023 | (Officer.com - OFFICER Magazine)

Officer Roll Call podcast will release a six-part series—sponsored by FirstNet—that examines active shooter responses. The "Active Shooter Events & Response Evolution" podcast series will look at how active shooter incidents have changed over the years and how law enforcement has been using accumulated knowledge and new technology to adapt. This episode looks back at Charles Whitman's 1966 University of Texas Tower attack, one of the incidents that prompted the creation of SWAT teams.



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